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SUBJECT:OCTOBER 31 GATT COUNCIL MEETING

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1. HERewith FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBJECT MEETING:

2. BANGKOK AGREEMENT - THE BANGKOK AGREEMENT WILL NOT ENTER INTO FORCE UNTIL IT IS RATIFIED BY THREE NATIONS, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR BY JANUARY 1976. WHILE THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS (INDIA, SRI LANKA, BANGLADESH, THAILAND, PHILIPPINES, KOREA, LAOS) HAVE NOT YET NOTIFIED GATT OF THE AGREEMENT, WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO DO SO. IT MAY, THEREFORE, BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO INFORMALLY REMIND COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER GATT, RATHER THAN RAISE THE ISSUE FORMALLY BY PLACING IT ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA.

3. KOREAN TARIFF REVISION - PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS INDICATES THERE WERE NO TARIFF BINDINGS VIOLATED BY THE KOREAN TARIFF REVISIONS. WE DO NOT, THEREFORE, WANT THE ISSUE RAISED AT THIS COUNCIL BUT IF, AFTER WE HAVE RECEIVED FULL

DOCUMENTATION ON THE REVISIONS, WE WERE TO DETERMINE THAT BINDINGS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED WE WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO RAISE THE ISSUE.

4. BRAZILIAN PRIOR IMPORT DEPOSIT - REFERRAL OF ISSUE TO BOP COMMITTEE FOR EXAMINATION IS APPROVED.

5. SWITZERLAND - REVIEW UNDER PARA 4 OF PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION; U.S. AGREES WITH MISSION SUGGESTION AND RECOMMENDS THAT WE NOT CALL FOR WP.

6. FINLAND-HUNGARY QTE FTA UNQTE - U.S. REP SHOULD SUPPORT PROPOSAL THAT THE AGREEMENT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE FOR AN APPROPRIATE PERIOD OF TIME (E.G. ONE YEAR) BEFORE WP MEETS AGAIN (GENEVA 8022, PARA 6).

7. WP REPORT ON TRADE WITH HUNGARY - BUDAPEST 2714, 3137, 3148 AND 3186 TRANSMITTED USDEL MTN GENEVA, REPORT ON IMPORT RESTRICTIONS CITED IN BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL ARTICLE. WE WILL WANT TO HOLD HUNGARIANS TO THEIR COMMITMENT TO REPLY.

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8. JAPAN - ARTICLE XXII CONSULTATIONS ON BEEF - MISSION'S SUGGESTION AS PER REFTTEL B IS APPROVED.

9. JAPAN AND ARTICLE XXXV - U.S. REP SHOULD SUPPORT JAPANESE APPEAL FOR DISINVOCATION (GENEVA 8065).

10. FINLAND-GDR QTE FTA UNQTE - WE ASSUME THIS ITEM HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA (GENEVA 8022, PARA 2).

SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY RE FINNISH PROPOSAL TO SEEK A
WAIVER.

11. REPORT ON TRAINING ACTIVITIES - NOTING APPROVED.

12. ITC RESOLUTION ON EXPORT PROMOTION - MISSION MAY
SUGGEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION.

13. EFTA BIENNIAL REPORT - U.S. HAS YET TO RECEIVE
L/4233. HOWEVER IN VIEW OF APPARENT CURRENT STATUS OF
EFTA, U.S. REP SHOULD EXPRESS CONTINUED U.S. CONCERN WITH
RESTRICTIVE EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN WHICH ARE ALSO BEING
APPLIED TO INTRA-EFTA TRADE. U.S. REP SHOULD NOTE THE
CONTINUING ARTICLE XXII CONSULTATIONS WITH EC/EFTA AND
EXPRESS HOPE EFTA WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO LIBERALIZE

THE RULES OF ORIGIN.

14. INSTRUCTIONS RE BRAZILIAN WAIVER AND SWEDISH SHOES
BEING TRANSMITTED VIA SEPARATE TELEGRAM. INGERSOLL

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